PUBLIC ABSTRACT

Internal Corrosion Direct Assessment (ICDA) of Gas Transmission, Gathering, and Storage Systems

The total cost of corrosion of all pipelines through internal corrosion has been estimated to range from $50 million to $100 million per year. The proposed project seeks to develop and validate a method to assess the integrity of pipelines with respect to internal corrosion by identifying and prioritizing locations of corrosion damage. The final product will be applicable to both dry and wet gas lines, including those lines that cannot be inspected using inline inspection (ILI) tools.

A dry gas ICDA method was developed previously that compares the slope of a pipe segment in the direction of gas flow to a critical slope for water hold-up. The existence of corrosion at those locations can serve as representative worst case locations and provide information about the overall pipeline integrity with respect to internal corrosion. In the first quarter of the project, a dry gas ICDA validation protocol was developed and presented to industry and OPS representatives. The revised validation protocol will be used to solicit data. Three companies have volunteered data for the validation.

Gas gathering and storage systems often carry wet gas and liquid (i.e., 'free') water, so the present ICDA method developed for dry gas is not applicable. A methodology for identifying the locations of most probable corrosion is being developed. Simultaneously, corrosion models for input into a probabilistic method are being developed.

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